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RE: Ritter et al.; Case F7340(V); Serial No. 09/180,374

Attached please find the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment and copies of prior documents sent to the Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified case.

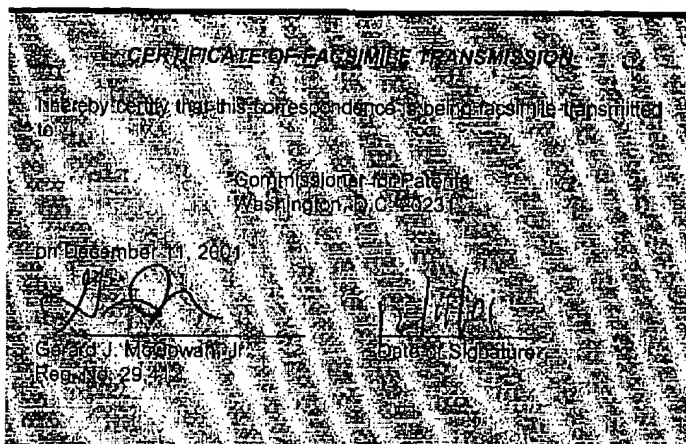
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CASE #F7340(V)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ritter et al.
Serial No.: 09/180,374
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PETITION TO WITHDRAWN HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed in the above application on November 27, 2001. However, a response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 1, 2001 had been mailed, with a transmittal letter and a three (3) month extension request, on November 1, 2001. All have certificates of mailing dated November 1, 2001. Copies are

enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. Although no postcard receipt has been received, this would be consistent with the recent problems with mail delivery to the PTO in connection with the anthrax events.

It is believed that no fee is required for this action. In the event that any fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-1155, or credit any overpayment to such account.

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